35. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
			16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total not in the labor force	75,956	76,762	14,151	14,383	21,288	21,403	40,517	40,976	28,730	29,119	47,225	47,643
Do not want a job now [1]	71,103	71,777	12,422	12,585	19,136	19,238	39,545	39,954	26,565	26,926	44,538	44,851
Want a job [1]	4,852	4,985	1,729	1,798	2,152	2,165	971	1,022	2,165	2,193	2,687	2,792
Did not search for work in previous year	2,715	2,841	886	963	1,145	1,163	684	715	1,126	1,173	1,590	1,668
Searched for work in previous year [2]	2,137	2,144	843	836	1,006	1,002	288	307	1,040	1,020	1,097	1,124
Not available to work now	563	599	279	285	242	260	42	54	230	231	333	368
Available to work now	1,574	1,545	565	551	764	742	245	252	809	789	765	756
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects [3]	466	436	142	141	240	217	84	78	288	260	178	176
Reasons other than discouragement	1,108	1,109	423	410	524	525	161	175	521	529	587	580
Family responsibilities	157	159	28	32	104	105	24	22	38	36	119	123
In school or training	244	217	199	179	43	35	2	2	131	118	112	99
Ill health or disability	123	119	18	16	71	69	35	34	56	64	67	55
Other [4]	584	614	178	182	306	316	100	116	296	311	288	302

[1] Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.
[2] Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.
[3] Includes believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

[4] Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.